



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2018 GYBN Regional Youth Capacity Building Workshop for AFRICA



Capacity Building Workshops 2018
Africa

Building upon the success of GYBN's 2017 series of Capacity-Building Workshops and thanks to generous support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the European Commission, the CBD Secretariat, the African Wildlife Foundation, Engajamundo and the Telangana Forest Department, GYBN will organize another three Youth Capacity-Building Workshops for ASIA, AFRICA and LATIN-AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN in 2018/19.

This call is ONLY for AFRICA.

Please apply through this form by
August 31 - 23:59 GMT:

<http://bit.ly/gybnafricawp2018>



DATE AND VENUE

The workshop for AFRICA will be held in partnership with the African Wildlife Foundation in Nairobi, Kenya at the end of October 2018 (exact dates to be confirmed but likely from October 28 to November 3).



DESCRIPTION

To strengthen the capacity of young leaders to take action in support of National Biodiversity Strategies and Actions Plan (NBSAPs , <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/search/default.shtml>) and to contribute towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (<https://www.cbd.int/sp/targets/>), the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN, www.gybn.org) is hosting a series of capacity-building workshops around the world in 2018/19.

Participants will take part in team building, networking and training sessions in international biodiversity conservation policy, mobilization, advocacy, campaign skills and project management to create or enhance existing projects that directly contribute to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the implementation of NBSAPs.

For this workshop, travel, accommodation, and limited food expenses will be funded for successful applicants who are based in the region in which the workshop is held. Flights will only be funded for travel within the same region.

Visa costs will be reimbursed on a case by case basis.



GOALS

This week-long regional workshop will bring together 15-18 young leaders in each region to:

- Mobilize networks/communities at the regional, national or local levels in order to increase public/youth engagement, general awareness and political will for biodiversity conservation
- Learn about the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD, www.cbd.int), the CBD's Strategic Plan 2010-2021 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Learn about key aspects of NBSAPs and how young people can partner with national and sub-national authorities to support implementation
- Catalyze concrete actions to bring these legally-binding international decisions down to the local, national, and regional level
- Join a global effort to set youth priorities for a future in harmony with nature and push governments, business and citizens to act
- Mobilize young people in order to have their perspectives considered in the CBD post 2020 framework





DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The deadline for applications is August 31 at 23:59 GMT.



DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Application form (fill it out online) here <http://bit.ly/gybnwp2018>
- Digital copy of CV
- Digital copy of Passport

Send a pdf copy of your CV and the identification page of your passport to: gybnsteeringcommittee@gmail.com

obs: the title of your document should be **LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_CV.pdf** and **LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_PASSPORT.pdf**



SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Be a registered GYBN member by the start of the application period
2. Between 18 - 35 years old
3. Commitment to biodiversity conservation with a previous track record showing such engagement
4. Active member or coordinator of a youth organization/network/community that is active on Biodiversity on the local/national or regional level
5. Possess the time and ability to share knowledge gained from the workshop, including implementing workshop outcomes and replicating workshop model at the national/local level
6. The applicant's biodiversity-related work has to be based in the region in which a workshop is held. However, the applicant need not be a citizen of a country of that region.



ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Due to our donor's funding requirements, for the workshop in Africa, financial support is only available for applicants that are citizens of developing countries. Applicants from developed countries (i.e. Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea etc.) cannot be financially supported. However self-funded participants are welcome to join the workshop!

The workshops in Europe and North-America (yet to be announced) will be open to applicants from developed countries from their respective regions.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible to join the workshop, if you are interested to participate as a self-funded participant or if you should have any other questions, please write to gybnsteeringcommittee@gmail.com

tee@gmail.com and cc it to christian.schwarzer@gmail.com and swetha.stotrabhashyam@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your applications and seeing you at the workshop!

PLEASE NOTE

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications must be submitted in English. Applications submitted in another language will not be considered. Incomplete applications will also not be considered.



ABOUT GYBN

The Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) is an international network of 145 youth organizations, representing more than 375.000 youth from 115 countries whose common goal is to prevent the loss of biodiversity. GYBN aims to represent the voice of global youth in the negotiations under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), raise awareness among young people of the values of biodiversity, and connects individuals and youth organizations in order to build a global coalition to halt the loss of biodiversity.

As the official coordination platform for youth participation in the negotiations under the CBD, GYBN is committed to bringing the opinions and positions of young people into the political process; empowering young people to take action. Recognized and supported by the CBD Secretariat, GYBN seeks to inspire global youth and future leaders to work for the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity for a healthy environment and society.

GYBN was created as the result of an international initiative by young people who participated in CBD COP10 in 2010, and was officially established in 2012. The network is coordinated by an international steering committee and is entirely run by young people for young people.

For more information, please visit: www.gybn.org, www.facebook.com/thegybn





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